Utilisation of surplus agricultural produce in rural areas

1136. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

a) what policies have been formulated by Government to utilise the surplus agricultural produce in rural areas through modern food processing units;

(b) whether Government has implemented any schemes in Andhra Pradesh in the food processing sector in 1994-95; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Government have taken various steps to promote Food Processing Industries which *inter alia* include declaration of most Food Processing Industries as high priority, delicencing of all Food Processing Industries except distillation and brewing of alcoholic beverages and those items reserved for Small Scale Sector, permitting foreign, NRIs investment, providing fiscal reliefs etc. Government is also operating various Plan Schemes for promoting Food Processing Industries.

(b) and (c) As a result of various measures taken since liberalisation till September 1994, 170 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda have been filed for setting up of Food Processing Industries involving an investment of Rs. 1233 crores in the State of Andhra Pradesh. In addition 115 approvals for setting up 100 per cent Export Oriented Units, Joint Venture, Foreign Collaboration etc. in Food Processing Sector involving an investment of Rs. 1400 crores and foreign investment of Rs. 79 crores, have been granted. An amount of Rs. 275.436 lakhs has been provided under various Plan Schemes of the Ministry in respect of proposals received from the State of Andhra Pradesh during the years 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94. During the current year financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 21.14 lakhs has been extended under the Schemes relating to Fruits and Vegetables Processing Sector These are at various stages of implementation.

Setting up of Food Processing Industries in Maharashtra

1137. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for assessing the potentiality of Maharashtra State for setting up of food industries in the state;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the location of such units, capacity of production of various items etc.;

(c) whether employment aspect has also been taken into account while setting up of these units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (d) While there is no proposal under consideration of the Central Govt. for conducting any studies for assessing the potentiality for setting up of food processing industries in the state of Maharashtra, Ministry of Food Processing Industries provides assistance under its plan schemes to the states for conducting such studies through State Government Organisations/ Voluntary Organisations/institutions etc. Considering the available resources and marketing infrastructure, Maharashtra presents a high growth potential for industry. In Maharashtra 397 industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda involving an investament of Rs. 8366 crores and employment of 65,086 persons have been filed. Besides, 113 proposals have been approved for setting up of 100 per cent Export Oriented Units/Joint Ventures/Foreign Collaboration etc. envisaging an investment of Rs. 1337.6 crores and a foreign investment of 313.6 crores.